Language quiz
Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the reported sentences.

Example:

"I'm really tired" – She said she (is/was) really tired.

1. "I was ill last week." – She said she (had been/is) ill the week before.

2. "I've booked a holiday." - He said he (was/had) booked a holiday.

3. "I'll stay until the end today." – She said she (was going to/would) stay until the end that day.

4. "I bought a present for my sister." – He said he had bought a present for (my/his) sister.

5. "I didn't expect to meet you here!" – She said that she had not expected to meet me (here/there).

6. "I'm going to start tomorrow." – He said that he was going to start (tomorrow/the next day).

Well done! Now you can check your answers at the bottom of the next page.
**Writing practice**

**Writing**

Either:

a) Ask a friend some questions and make some notes of what they say.
b) Watch an interview with a famous person you are interested in and make notes of what they say.

Write a paragraph reporting some of what they have said. Remember to think about whether you need to change:

a) tenses  
b) personal pronouns  
c) references to place  
d) references to time

**Examples**

- *He said that he was going to plan a party.*
- *She said that she was looking forward to her next film.*
- *He said that he had been unhappy with the way that he had been playing.*

**Answers to exercise on page 1**

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4. "I bought a present for my sister." – He said he had bought a present for **his** sister.  
5. "I didn't expect to meet you here!" – She said that she had not expected to meet me **there**.  
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